SPALDING MAY HOLD A TRUMP.

Says Freedman Will Leave Baseball Today.

NEWS TO NEW YORK TEAM MANAGER.

A Suspicion That New National Loague President Has a Majority of Club's Stock - A Statement to the Press-Controversy Declared Thing of the Past.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 .- "At 4:50 o'clock tomorrow afternoon Andrew Freedman will get out of baseball and A. G. Spalding wins."

Such was the announcement made by Spalding this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Newspaper men who asked the new president of the National League what he meant by this statement were laughingly waved aside with the further remark:

"I mean just what I say. In twentyfour hours I will announce here that Andrew Freedman and A. G. Spalding soparate, as far as the issue is concerned, and that Spalding wins. Then there will be other issues that will be similarly

Mr. Spalding's Statement. Then Spaiding went away and prepared

a statement for the press, in which he said of Freedman;

"I can understand why the meeting of "I can understand why the meeting of Friday night and early Saturday morning might seem fareleal and my actions hysterical, but he must soon begin to think that there is a certain sequence of events in this controversy. Mr. Freedman, in stating that I precipitated the Brotherhood war of 1890, indicates his ignorance of baseball history, in which, if he will look it up, he will find I had something to do with the conduct of that cannaing to its final settlement and I campaign to its final settlement, and I am thenkful I was not handleapped through that light with Andrew Freed-

Charges Not Unheld.

"Mr. Freedman's effort to attach my name to the so-called Freedman-Brush baseball basted trust must fall flat after my announcement to the press as to the my announcement to the press as to the efforts I made last summer through Mr. Hart, only for the one special purpose of protecting the interests of Mr. Freedman and his fellow-stockholders of the New York Club, and settling his baneful influence out of the National League.

"I have had no correspondence with Ban Johnson, but I did see him about the middle of October on my way from California to New York, and from casual comments that he made on Andrew Freedman. I believe he will be with me in this Controversy.

A Thing of the Past.

"Now, Mr. Freedman, as the public must be pretty well surfeited with this controversy between A. G. Spalding and Andrew Freedman, and as practically the case is made up so far as I am con-cerned, unless you have some real evi-dence to offer, I am unwilling to permit my name to be any longer coupled with that of Andrew Preedman, and here is where we part.

"At 4.20 evidors temograpy afternoon at

the Fifth Avenue Hotel i will announce to the reporters that I will treat this con-troversy between us as water that has passed the wheel, and will introduce new issues into the baseball campaign looking toward improved conditions in our great

Freedman Makes No Reply. Freedman sald, when asked for an in

"There is nothing that Mr. Spalding can interests of the stockholders of the New Sharkey and the Blacksmith York club will be amply protected." Robison, when he heard of Spalding's defiance, asked to have it repeated to him half a dozen times.

"The only construction I can place on it," said the St. Louis man, "is that he must have a card up his sleeve, for otherwise be would not make such a told bluff It appears to me to be possible that Spaiding in some way has secured control of a majority of the stock in the New

SEARCHING HERE FOR MORSE. Detectives Think James Haskens' Slayer Is in This City.

Having been on several wild goos chases through the wilds of Maryland for Thomas Morse, the negro who shot and killed James Haskens, another negro, in a stable near Chevy Chuse Circle on Friday morning the detectives of this city have turned their attention to this city.

They have good reason for believing the

negro is in this city, as it is said be has been seen on the principal thoroughfares on the Rockville Electric Railway said Georgetown the afternoon of the shooting Major Sylvester has offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest of the negro, and several thousand circulars with his deeription have been sent to all parts of Maryland and Pennsylvania.

AID CORNELIUS MISSION.

Decision of Young People's Chris. tian Endeavor Society.

The intermediate section of the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society of the Eastern Presbyterian Church will this peason devote its Christmas offering to the benefit of the Cornelius Memorial Mission in Southeast Washington. The Christian Endesvor of the Eastern Church to one of the mainstays of the National Junior Republic at Annapolis Junction, Md., but it was decided at a business meeting following the regular meeting yesterday afternoon to devote the eneres of the intermediate section to giving attendants of the Cornelius Memorial soion the merriest and happiest kind of

The intermediate section will hold a sunrise prayer meeting at the Eastern Church on Christmas morning at 6:36 o'clock. The junior section, under Miss Deborah Easton, has also arranged for appropriate services to be held during the holiday week. The Sunday school's Christmas exercises will be be Christmas Eve at the East Church.

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SPARRED FIVE ROUNDS FOR POINTS.

End of the Contest a Lively Mix-up With Plenty of Hard Blows Delivered on Both Sides-Heavyweights Met in a Ring at a New York Theatrical Club.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 .- Robert Fitzaimmons, formerly heavyweight champion pugilist, and Thomas Sharkey, an aspirant for that title, met in a fifteen-foot ring early this morning and boxed five rounds for points.

It was the first meeting in a ring since "Linky Bob" put the sailor out in the second round before the Coney Island

second round before the Coney Island
Athletic Club a year and a half ago. At
that time boxing was legal in this State,
but it is not now.

Friendly bours, however, are often held,
and the bout today between the heavyweights was of this order. That the bout
was to take place was a secret, and few
prople knew that Sharkey and Fitzsimmons were to don the gloves until the
men entered the ring.

Appeared at a Smoker.

The bout was held at the Theatrical Business Men's Club, 135 West Forty-first Street. The club field a smoker for members only, and the tip went forth that it would be worth while attending. On the

would be worth while attending. On the second floor a prize ring had been erected and the muster of ceremonies was a well-known theatrical man.

The fun began with a bag-punching exhibition, and this was followed by a couple of local lightweights, who made things lively for three rounds. Three other boots followed and shortly before 2 o'clock the event of the night was announced. Up to this time many of the numbers did not this time many of the members did not know that Fitzsimmons and Sharkey were

when the two heavyweights entered the when the two heavyweights entered the ring they were cheered so loudly that the members were told to dealist or the police might call at the clubhouse to see what the noise was about. Both fighters were stripped, with the exception of their stripped, with the exception of their said these gentlemen of the South to be fair and just to their own flesh and blood. He adverted to the Booker Washington and the South of the source of the s

They selected their attendants from among the club members, one of whom acted as referee. It was announced that the bout was to be a friendly one and simply for points. When the gong sounded for the bout to begin both fighters jumped to the centre of the ring.

Mix-up in the Fifth.

mix it up, and started right in. Fitzsim-mons led with a right for the body and landed good and strong. He followed this up with a right-hand hook that landed. Sharkey swung his right for Pizzimmons' head and left a red spot on the lanky fighter's cheek to show for it. They fought at close quarters, and there

They fought at close quarters, and there was an even exchange of blows. Both men were puffing before the round was half over. They were warming up to their round was half over. They were warming up to their round was half over. They were warming up to their round was half over. They were warming up to their round was half over. They were warming up to their render?

Sharkey got in a couple of bedy blows, and Fitzsimmons returned them by landing on the sailor's massive head. From this on until the bout ended they went at each other hothy.

it each other hotly.

gong sounded that they could not be MURDER TRIALS IN men shook hands.

The referee declared the fight a draw. THE RIGHTS OF THE NEGRO.

Constitutional Defeace Made by Algernon S. Cenpsey.

"A Constitutional Defence of the Negro" was the subject of an address delivered last night at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church by Algernon Sidney Crapsey. ng, and in a short address introduced the

peaker of the evening.

Mr. Crapmey staited out with a reiticism
of the Americans who created the greatat Republic on earth, when he said Never in human history did men so lie their own professions as did our refathers when they set up what they laimed to be a free government, and

They did not do this with a clear coning in the South, the orator said it praccally placed that section of the country

'So common is this method of punishing supposed crimes in the Southern secthe regular proceedings of the law courts Last year more than 130 human beings a week. And the perpentators of treaton against the majesty of the State are today living at large, their crimes unpunished, many boasting of their crimes and their sympathizers ait in the Congress of the United States. anarchy can go no further than this exwomen, and burn our homes.

Referring to the distranchisoment of the eggo. Mr. trapscy said: "The political difficulties of the North. as of the South, are to be solved not by distranchisement, but by sufranchisement. The entranchisement of the mind from ignorance and price and projectics, the entranchisement of the heart from losse

hatreds and untoly fears."

Mr. Crapsey alleged a serious charge against the Southern people when he demanded equal rights for the negro.

"And in pleading for political and civil rights," he declared, "for those who today are deprived of them, we are not pleading for men and women of African blood only, we are pleading for our own brothers and sisters, our blood relations; we are pleading for those in whose velos runs the best of our cwn Anglo-Saxon blood we are pleading for the descendants of the best families in the South, for the children of the Pinckneys and the Ran-

insident when he said:
"I can only say that our social power is measured by the extent of our social sympathies. There is something want compathies. There is something as in the man who cannot associate equal terms and unconsciously with th millionaire and the man without a dol ise; with the President of the Unite tates and the hod carrier or the walts The bout was comparatively tame till at table; with the fairest daughter of the

Mr. Crapsey advised the negro to re

Your excuse for this generators ourrage and wrong is that if you reals you will be killed. Killed! What if yourse killed? Were not white men killed by the hundred thousand to secure I you, under the Constitution, the politics and civil rights which you so easily surecast.

his on until the bout ended they went until you have lost from your veins the case other hotty.

The blows were coming so quick when can stand up as free men in a free land

DISTRICT COURTS.

MOST INTEREST IN BONINE CASE.

Mrs. Surratt Was Arraign. ed Before the Bar.

The irial of Mrs. Lola Ida Hemry Bonine for the murder of James Seymour Ayres, jr., which ended in her acquittal on Friday last, will long be remembered by the residents of Washington as the most sensational which has taken place in the District since the conviction of science. They did not dare to use the word slave openly in the Constitution.

In speaking or the prevalence of lynchever, was many years ago, and the people of the whole country, as well as the residents of the District, were in a state of fevered excitement. There are not any of the officials connected with the Supreme Court of the District now who were there

Old Court Employes.

With the exception of Mr. Return Jonathan Meics, one of the assistant clerks of the court, who has occupied the posttion for more than thirty years, perhaps the next oldest in point of service is Mr. William B. Robinson, Pirst Assistant United States Marshal for the District. He was first appointed to the position in September, 1882, but resigned in 1889, He was again responded in 1894, and has ce held the office. During his incumency Mr. Robinson has always personally he progress of any and all important

In speaking of the great trials which have taken place in the local courts, Mr Robinson stated that he never remon bered one during which there was such great desire and demand for tickets of admittance as during that of the one just finished. In fact, only once before, he said, did he believe that it would be necessay to place some restriction upon ad-mission to the court room during the progress of a trial. That was during the rogress of the suit of Madeline Pollard egainst Representative Breekinridge of Kentucky for \$50,000 as damages for breach of profile to marry.

The Pollard-Breckinridge Case.

Even then, Mr. Robinson says, the denand for admittance did not come from he people in all walks of life as it did ing the trial of Mrs. Bonine. During rial of the Pollard-Breckinridge case

was in session, and the great applications for admittance y members of Congress and licial circles. Even then the not near so great as it was ial which ended last week. est was greatly aroused at the Schneider, Canty, Funk, nekton (rights, but not to such Robinson said, as to cause at the court room would be uffocation by overcrowding. ot his wife; Funk murdered cols for her money; Snell the girl, and Lanckton killed Wrean in a fit of jealousy. Il convicted of murder, and alty on the gallows, except to was found guilty of man-

penitentiary. es just mentioned, greatest tred in the trial of Funk, victed principally on circum-ence. At his trial, the Gov-s represented by Justice Anpresided at the Bonine trial, that time was United States : the District.

THE RACING CALENDAR

New Orleans Entries. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15. Entries for to

aix and one-half furlongs. Tenerr, 115; Hop-scotch, Flop, 12; Alpaca, 105; Hutle Jack Horner, Weideman, Old Fox, Reducer, Warren Point, 107; Fannie Maude, Your, 104; Pirate's Queen, 19. Man, 100, Missile, 99; Meme Wasis II, 28; Busty C., Colonel Stone, Ben Hullinn, Emma A. M., Laurie, 86; The Widow, 91.

Third race—For three-year-olds and upward; selling; one and one-cipth miles. Pay the Fiddler, 106; Tyrshena, 106; Major Marair, 192; Robert Bonner, 109; Balkelin, 94; Zack Phelpy, Bira 97.

Robert Bonner, 100; Backelin, 94; Zaca Phenp, Hija, 16.
Fourth race—For all agre; bambicap, seven furloungs—Malay, Tom Collins, 170; B. G. Cox, 108;
Schnell Laufer, Semicolan, 103; Sematus Beverlége,
Fleuron, 100; Frank Kenny, Andes, 98; Balm of
Gillent, 90.
Fifth race—For three-year-olds and upward;
selling; one and une-eighth miles—Ben Chance,
107; Scordsman, Woodletee, 102; Treber, Irving,
Meyer, 102; Free Pass, 16; Piederich, 91; Bens, 55.
Sixth race—For three-year-olds and upward;
one mile and seventy yards—Strangest, Philima
Paxton, 167; W. B. Gates, Jackanspes, Enterpe,
Banish, Waterlasos, Donator, 10; Albert Lee, 99;
Mr. Pomeroy, 18; John Bull, 16.

New Orleans Selections.

First race—Alpaca, Pirate's Queen, Tourer, Second race—Memo Wastell, Missile, Cast fron-Third race—Major Mansir, Tyrohetis, Zack

helps, Third race—Malny, Fleuro, Tem Chillins, Fifth race—Snordsman, Trebor, Pischerich, Sixth race—Hanneb, Euterpe, W. B. Gate. Charleston, S. C., Entries,

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. Il.-Entries for

elling; alx furlangs. Pretonius, 119; Sam Lararus 15; Jessie Y., 114; Queen L., Laurin, B. O. Reed, undescent. Tom Curl. Ordent, 717; Trunar, 110 Servey D., 106; Nellife C., 104.
Second race—For three-year-aids and smooth
elling; six and one-half furlouge. Henry Ham Scand race—For three-year-aids and apartal; selling; six and one-half furious. Henry Hammond, 188; Gale Todd, 106; Isandy Bello, Maria Bolton, 103; Jim Winn, 192; Jimider, Orleus, 18. Third race—For all ages; seven furious. Pasade, 119; Ruyal Rose, Ellis, Hors, 116; Light Fels, 109; Cliffen Boy, 88; Tout, 18.

Fourth race—For two-year-olde, selling; fire and cone-half furious. Death Night Shade, Battle Devia, 106; Triatram, 103; Dr. Worth, 97; Jim Scandon, Ewan Danca, 94.

Fifth race—For three-year-olds and upward; selling; one mile. Kingalong, 112, Latequeise, 109; Mark Hamat, Essle Venter, Selome II, Kingfull, 108; A Brille, 107; Reakbard, 29.

Charleston Selections.

elle. Third race-Passaic, Tout, Ellis. Vourth race-Hattie Davis, Deadly Night Shade, r. Worth. Fifth race-Kingfull, Rose Bird, Larequoise.

Oakland Entries. OAKLAND, Dec. 15.-Entries for tomorrow's

OAKHAND, Dec. 15.—Entries for tomorrow's races:

First race—For three-year-olds and upward; five and one-half furlengs.—Hynance, 112; The Miller, 106; Frank Belli, 112; Edgardo, 106; Captivate, Linca, 102; Crinkle, Foundino, 106; Constellator, 112; Reydel San Juan, 196; Jack Chafe, 109.

Second race—For time-year-olds and upward; ceiling; one and one-sixteenth miles.—Mrs. Branch, 106; Talma, Monteagls, 195; El Mido, 197; Free Lance, 110; Fonda, 100; Canelo, 195; A. M. Rothechild, 103; Whaleback, Ulin, 190.

Third race—For two-year-olds Paturity Course, Royal Rogue, 115; Flo Culver, 116; Joste G., 114; Hubus, 110; Discovery, 193; Ramesea, 113; Botany, Glepdenning, 115.

Fourth race—For three-year-olds and upward; six and one-half furlougs.—Watercure, The Fride, Yeauvian, 196.

Fifth race—For three-year-olds and upward; seven furlongs.—Dr. Bernays, Marion Lynch, Coming Event, Native, Duckoy, Ravino, 112; Mithridates, Oscar Tolle, 110; Belario, 107; Plohn, 112; Redwald, 113.

Sixth race—For three-year-olds and upward; seven furlongs.—Dr. Bernays, Marion Lynch, Coming Event, Native, Duckoy, Ravino, 112; Mithridates, Oscar Tolle, 110; Belario, 107; Plohn, 112; Redwald, 113.

Sixth race—For three-year-olds and upward; selling; one and one-sixteenta miles.—Morinel, 194; El Oriente, Cromwell, 116; Merope, 197; San Venado, 198; Essence, 107; Lodestar, 196; Artilla, 197; Dariene, 96; Rushdelds, 108; Wyoming, 111.

Onkland Selections.

Pirst race—Frank Bell, The Miller, Crinkle. Second race—Whaleluck, Monteagle, Free Lance. Third race—Rameses, Bojany, Flo Colley. Forrth race—Watercup, Vesuvian, The Pride. Pifth race—Native, Duckoy, Recwald. Sixth race—San Venado, Wyoming, Rushfields.

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